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SUBJ: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 80, APRIL 8, 1976 (SALT TWO 970)

1. HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION. SOVIETS SAID APPROACHES IN SECOND PART OF HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION (ARTICLE II.3) ARE IDENTICAL EXCEPT FOR US PREFERENCE FOR "CAPABILITIES" AND SOVIET PREFERENCE FOR "CHARACTERISTICS" AS CRITERION FOR WHETHER FUTURE AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATION AS HEAVY BOMBERS AND US REFERENCE TO "TYPES OF AIRCRAFT" IN SAME CONTEXT. SOVIETS SAID THESE DIFFERENCES APPEAR TO BE MAINLY LINGUISTIC AND SUGGESTED BRINGING FORMULATIONS CLOSER TOGETHER WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO POSITION OF EITHER SIDE. THIS COULD BE DONE ON BASIS OF SOVIET FORMULATION SINCE THIS CAN COVER WHATEVER IS EVENTUALLY AGREED IN FIRST PART OF DEFINITION. SOVIETS ALSO REFERRED TO THEIR EARLIER SUBSTITUTION OF "BOMB OR AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE DELIVERY AIRCRAFT" FOR "NUCLEAR WEAPON DELIVERY AIRCRAFT" AND SAID REASON FOR THIS CLARIFICATION FLOWS FROM AIDE-MEMOIRE AND IS CLEAR TO US SIDE. US AGREED TO EXAMINE TEXT AND PROPOSED THAT SOVIETS REEXAMINE LAST SENTENCE OF THEIR DRAFT, WHICH SEEMED LESS PRECISE THAN US TEXT.

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2. MIRV DEFINITION. SOVIETS INITIATED PROLONGED DISCUSSION OF

RATIONALE FOR TERM "SYSTEM" IN US VERSION OF ARTICLE II.5.
THEY CLAIMED TERM IS REDUNDANT AND UNCLEAR AND NOT USED IN
AIDE-MEMOIRE. THEY ALSO CLAIMED TERM IMPLIES THAT RVS ARE PART
OF DISPENSING MECHANISM AND QUESTIONED ITS RELEVANCE FOR CASE
IN WHICH MIRV IS TARGETED BY DEVICE ON THE RV ITSELF. US
DEFENDED USE OF "SYSTEM" AS REFLECTING COMPONENTS NECESSARY
FOR MIRVS AND POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET FORMULATION HAS DIS-
ADVANTAGE OF BRINGING CONCEPT OF LAUNCHERS AND MISSILES INTO
MIRV DEFINITION.JOHNSON

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